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Chancellor E. Grady Bogue addresses the question of athletics during Tuesday's SGA meeting.

Bomb threat alarms campus

By KATHY HOHMANN
The Almagest

An early-morning bomb threat forced the evacuation of Bronson Hall last Friday.

Marilyn Hardy, an admissions office employee, said about 9:10 a.m. she received a telephone call from what sounded like a young man, who said, "A bomb will go off in Bronson Hall at 10:15 a.m." The man then hung up.

"My first reaction was, 'Oh, a crank call,' but then reality hit," she said. Hardy then went to Claude Overlease, chief of campus police. Overlease said an alarm was sounded to evacuate the building while two officers from the Shreveport Fire Department were called in to help direct

an emergency plan.

The initial excitement caused one student to declare, "It's a drug bust!"

Security people and Physical Plant employees then went through the building looking for anything unusual. Students and faculty, meanwhile, milled around outside in the mall and in the parking lot.

About 30 minutes later, the building was declared safe and students and faculty returned to their classes.

"This is not the first time this has happened, said Larry Ferguson, associate vice-chancellor of Business Affairs. "I am just very proud of the mature way that the students handled the situation," he added.

Students to decide on athletics

By KRIS PURDY
The Almagest

A student referendum will be conducted by the Student Government Association in three-to-four weeks to determine if LSUS students are in favor of a Division III athletic program.

Chancellor Grady Bogue spoke on the subject of the athletics proposal during Tuesday's SGA meeting. Bogue stated that the faculty's decision against implementing a Division III athletic program resulted in "no surprises, just discomfort." Last week the faculty voted 57-25 against the program.

Bogue's proposal originated in the fall of 1986. He stated that a key reason for introducing an athletic program to LSUS is a lack of "an emotional center" at the University. In Tuesday's meeting Bogue said that athletics provide "a legitimate interest for students to learn something about themselves."

Joining Bogue in his push for athletics is SGA President Clayton Rowe, who believes that a Division III athletic program "squarely fits into the mission of the University."

"But if the student body

doesn't support it, we're going to stop our efforts here," he said.

The referendum will be similar to the two-day SGA senatorial elections held earlier this semester.

The program would carry with it a student fee increase of \$5 to \$15. With approximately 4,000 students attending LSUS each fall and spring semester and 2,000 students attending each summer semester, a total sum of from \$50,000-\$150,000 would be allotted for the athletic program. The amount that Chancellor Bogue would like for the program is \$100,000 which translates to an increase of \$10 for each student's tuition and fees.

No plans for what sports should be played have been introduced, although golf, tennis, swimming, soccer and pool were mentioned by Bogue during the SGA meeting. An athletic director would be hired, and this person would decide upon the sports to be played. As far as coaches for the teams, Bogue suggested hiring part-time coaches as needed for each individual sport.

Other schools which compete in Division III athletics include Austin College, Millsaps College, Rhodes College and Johns

Hopkins University.

The estimated cost of \$100,000 must cover the expenses of travel, recruitment, equipment, insurance and the salaries of the athletic director and the coaches. Bogue stated that he "will not take a dime of state appropriated dollars to start or maintain an athletic program."

Bogue said that the referendum should be announced and conducted so that all men and women of the University have the opportunity to participate by voting. He also stated that the issue must clearly state that a fee is involved with the program.

Bogue said that he has two options: (1) If the students vote against it, he'll withdraw the plan, or (2) If the referendum passes, he'll take it to the Board (of Supervisors).

Rowe believes that the referendum will draw at least 10 percent of the student body, or at least 400 students, to vote on the issue. Rowe "did not take the decision of the faculty lightly" and believes that the referendum will show the members of the faculty who are opposed to the program that LSUS students are in favor of athletics.

Old decal — that's a ticket

Students whose vehicles display the out-of-date blue parking decals will receive warning tickets until Nov. 2, at which time the University Police will issue citations. Any car parked on the LSUS campus (excluding visitor parking areas) exhibiting no decal will be issued a ticket immediately.

The Administration Building parking lot is set aside for visitors and only those students conducting business with the Administration. This lot should not be used for student parking, police said.

The new gold parking decals can be obtained in the Administration Building.

Question of the week

Would you be willing to pay a fee to support a Division III athletics program at LSUS?

Missy McLemore, freshman, elementary education: "Yes. Athletics would make this school more well-known."

Kyle Sibley, sophomore, medical technology: "Yes, because if the programs are run well, they would bring in more students and ultimately give LSUS the recognition that it deserves."

Greg Ruben, senior, finance: "Hell yes. I think it would add a needed dimension to the campus life."

Jennifer Braswell, freshman, physical therapy: "Yes, I think students should have an opportunity to get more involved at LSUS."

Ted Takara, freshman, library science: "Yes, but only if ballet, synchronized swimming, and coed wrestling are included as competitive sports."

opinions

Athletics: good idea, bad timing

Call it bad timing.

In a time in which LSUS has been forced to make concessions, it is a mistake to consider starting a Division III athletic program.

LSUS has been forced to increase tuitions three times in the last four years, cut programs and struggle to maintain its academic standing. Yet Chancellor Grady Bogue still believes that now — in a time of financial crisis — is the time for a new sports program.

Clayton Rowe, Student Government Association president, said the SGA supports Bogue's proposal and will conduct a referendum to see what the students think of the idea.

The referendum may be the deciding factor to this issue. Bogue said he would reconsider seeking approval for the program if students favor it and are willing to pay to support it.

If so, he had better hope they feel differently about it than the faculty does.

Last week, Bogue met with the faculty to discuss bringing the program to LSUS. The faculty overwhelmingly killed Bogue's idea in a 57-25 vote. One reason for their vote, Dr. Ann McLaurin, professor of history, said, is because it is not the proper time for it because of economic reasons.

McLaurin is right. Bogue's proposal calls for a \$5 to \$15 fee paid by students' tuition. With a \$10 fee, this adds up to about \$40,000 per semester and \$20,000 for an average summer semester — \$100,000. Estimated cost of the program, however, is anywhere from \$70,000 to \$125,000 depending on the sports selected.

Simple mathematics tells you this may result in a deficit — a deficit which must be met either with academic funds or by taking shortcuts with the proposed program.

And as McLaurin has already said, "If we're going to do it, it must be done right — it's got to be first-class." Starting off with a funds shortage will not allow for a first-class program.

Nor will taking additional funds from academics help our school. Everyone is well aware of programs which have been cut, a freeze on faculty's salary and limits placed upon hiring new faculty and the struggle to modernize educational equipment. Just last year, the faculty was forced to deal with a shortage of copier paper.

And this is the time to use more funds for a currently unneeded program?

We do not think so.

Yes, Division III athletics is a good idea. It may help LSUS' image, it may bring more students to the campus, it may provide a sense of unity — something to rally around. But in a time of financial crisis, let's solve our immediate problems.

Also consider that only one college in Louisiana — LSU-BR — has a self-supported athletic program. Other colleges draw funds from academics to help support sports programs.

When the students do decide this issue, let's hope they realize the sports they are supporting are golf, tennis, pool, and swimming — hardly events which attract thousands of screaming spectators.

In a time of hardships we do not need a program like this robbing more funds from academics.

Academics is our number one priority. Let's keep it that way.



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CAUGHT IN THE HOSTILE
ACT OF LAYING MINES



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SOME BOATS THAT
ATTACKED US



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AND WE KNOCKED OUT
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PLATFORMS



BUT THERE ARE NO IMMINENT HOSTILITIES

Letters

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—Letters galore—

Attack on proposed masters program unfair

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week, in the Oct. 23 edition's op-ed page, Jack Williams expressed his opinions concerning peace in our "militaristic society." The freedom to express one's thoughts is protected by the Constitution of this country. However, Williams' attack of the proposed masters program in systems technology is unfair and invalid.

The program, which would be established in conjunction with Barksdale Air Force Base, is not an attempt to "perpetuate the militarism" that Williams feels pervades our educational system. Instead, it is simply intended to expand the computer science curriculum offered at LSUS. Currently, no masters programs are offered through the College of Sciences. Any new

programs would be welcomed by the students, especially considering the current state moratorium on new programs.

Williams finds it "revolting" that an institution of higher learning would work in conjunction with one of the "purveyors" of a militaristic attitude, and "abominable" that LSUS would "help to continue the legitimacy of the horror of the militarization of our country and world." No,

Mr. Williams, LSUS is not trying to legitimize anything. It is trying to provide the best education possible for its students.

Williams feels that if we can justify "studying war," then we can "easily justify studying peace." But this is not a course in war studies. It is a course in systems technology, a field that is vital to American business as

well as to the military.

Williams is also concerned that the military is spending too much money to defend our country. In that case, this masters program is an excellent opportunity for some of that money to be spent on educating students.

If Williams wishes to express his concern for a "militaristic society," this is perfectly acceptable. However, it is deplorable that he would defame the proposed masters program simply to promote his ideas. The new program will be funded entirely by Barksdale and will be taught by regular members of the LSUS faculty. This is an excellent program, and it should not be dismissed by the administration or the students. It is a step in the right direction; a step toward providing students a better education.

Troy W. Moore

Student remembers 'bittersweet memory'

(Editor's note: The following story, written by LSUS student Connie Durham, is about Damon McCoy, an '85 graduate of Southwood High School and a national swimming champion, who recently died of cancer.)

By CONNIE DURHAM
Special to The Almagest

Damon was 20. He was once a handsome, healthy world-class swimmer — the best Louisiana has ever produced. Three months ago, he lost a two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer.

I was with him when it happened. Although he was afraid and in pain, he never gave up. He gave it his best shot. He knew it wouldn't be much longer before he was to die. As much as I've tried to forget that night, the memories won't fade. I'm sure it will be with me forever.

I was very angry the cancer had killed Damon. My high school sweetheart and best friend was gone. I don't remember driving home from the hospital, but somehow I made it in one piece.

I was tired, but I couldn't sleep. I thought if I took some pain medicine the hurt would go away. Nothing helped. I sat in my mother's lap and talked for hours the night he died. I felt safe with her.

The phone started ringing at eight the next morning. People I hadn't heard from in nearly three years wanted to find out the details. It was then I realized how cruel and inconsiderate "friends" can be. But even though everybody was calling, I still had to prove it to myself. I thought the only way to believe he died was to see him in the casket.

I shut everyone out of my world that day. It was my day to mourn. Sometimes everything still seems meaningless. I don't like a lot of things right now. Not friends, not food, not parties. I find myself comparing people I know to Damon. Nothing can take his place.

Later that evening I went to the funeral home. I didn't want him to be alone. The room was full of people and pretty floral arrangements. I tried to smile, but this fake grin appeared on my face. Numbness overcame my body.

I wanted to scream, "Why did you have to take Damon? He was the All-American boy!" Instead I went into the other room.

When I first saw the open casket, I was with his mother and father, and his swim coach from the University of Texas. I didn't know what I felt that very moment, perhaps relief. He looked so peaceful in his navy blue warm-up, the one that the U.S. Swim Team gave him. After they left the room, I touched his soft, cold hands. That is when it hit me. Everyone was right; Damon was dead.

I remember nothing else of that day. I was neither dead nor alive. I ceased to exist — or so it seemed.

Prior to his death, I didn't know much about lung cancer — the treatments, the symptoms or the declining process. I didn't want to know what his X-rays and charts looked like. I just decided to be with Damon and take things as they came.

Damon was buried on a beautiful sunny day. The kind he loved. Over 600 people attended the service. I was surprised to see some of these people and felt somewhat bitter toward them. Only a handful had stood by his side during the illness.

That evening I felt I had to go back to the cemetery, just to make sure I wasn't having a bad dream. I sat with Damon three hours that afternoon. I didn't want him to feel lonely or forgotten. I went to be with him as if he would know and feel that I was there. It is strange how I've known the cemetery has been there since I was born, but I never paid much attention to it. Now, I notice myself staring at it everytime I pass by.

People tell me that as time goes by, the pain lessens. They are right; sometimes the pain isn't so bad. But on days like today, I hurt as much as the moment when he died. I know I'll miss him forever. Nothing can take the place he holds in my heart. He was perfect in my book.

Although Damon is not here physically, a part of him is with everyone who knew him. Slowly, I have begun to realize Damon will never return and nothing will ever be exactly the same again. He gives meaning to the term "bittersweet" memory.

I am glad I knew Damon.

He was a winner; an inspiration for everyone. We will all miss him.

Editorial pains student; 'sycophants' blamed

DEAR EDITOR:

It pained me to read the article "same song, second verse" in the October 23 issue of the Almagest. It is now, more than ever, clear that the Almagest consists of sycophants to the liberal administration here at LSUS.

Every student and faculty member here knows that if Dr. Marsala had a political sign on campus, regardless of whether or not his opponent had a sign, the writers of the Almagest would trip over each other trying to get to a piece of paper so they

could write an article praising Dr. Marsala and defending his right to have that sign on campus. But it was the opposite. Dr. Marsala's opponent had a sign and Dr. Marsala did not. And although LSUS is only Dr. Marsala's workplace and not his private property, the Almagest nevertheless condemned Dr. Marsala's opponent and the LSUS College Republicans.

While reading this letter please keep in mind that this is not a letter of disrespect for Dr. Marsala, nor was the sign put up out of disrespect. This is a letter

of disgust for the "tacky and tasteless cheap shots" and incorrigible lies of the writers of the Almagest. If the Almagest had followed proper journalistic procedure, they would have found that an official at LSUS told Dr. Marsala's opponent's campaign manager that proper procedure was followed in putting up the signs. They would have also found that Dr. Marsala and my father, Dr. Marsala's opponent, have been friends and remain friends today.

Mark Fargerson

Faculty decision lacks reason

DEAR EDITOR:

"Another motion dealt with the question of allowing students to vote on matters concerning the areas where student activities monies are spent. That motion was overwhelmingly defeated."

If you do not recognize this quote, it is the last paragraph from the article entitled, "Faculty Sacks Athletics," from the Almagest's October 23 issue.

What I would like to know is the reasoning behind this defeat. Why should the faculty not want to give the students voice in where student activities monies are spent? Is the faculty afraid of the student's opinions? Is there fear that the Louisiana Board of Regents will listen to the students over the faculty? There is no reason why the students should not have any voice on where their

money is being spent.

In closing, I do not want to be misunderstood. This article I have written has nothing to do with my opinion of bringing athletics to this school. I do know that if they do allow the students to vote on this issue it should have a better impact than the faculty's recommendation.

Jeff Kinard

news

MBA program faces deadline

By CHARLOTTE BRANDIN
Special to the *Almagest*

The LSUS College of Business must complete five requirements by 1990 in order to be accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

According to Lawrence Clark, dean of the College of Business, LSUS must hold an accreditation in business from the AACSB to maintain an MBA degree program.

In 1980, the Board of Regents decided all Louisiana business colleges must obtain professional accreditation to continue their MBA programs after 1990. The AACSB is the only professional accreditation service, Clark said.

To meet the requirements LSUS must follow the five-step process which includes conducting a self-study to examine resources, compare resources to the requirements established by the AACSB, submit a self-study to AACSB, have the study reviewed by the AACSB and have a team of reviewers tour the campus and conduct their own analysis.

"The biggest problem in obtaining the accreditation," Clark said, "is the stability of the faculty." He attributed the loss of faculty to the "lack of pay raises in the last five years." In order to obtain accreditation, the College of Business must have a certain number of faculty with Doctorate Degrees.

The College of Business is now in the process of conducting the self-study. According to Bob

Aalberts, chairman of the Marketing-Management Department, one of the requirements of AACSB is that a business college should have a sufficient number of books from Baker Core Catalogue (the library collection at the Harvard Business School).

The campus library has 17 percent of the 2,200 plus collection. The College of Business is aiming to get 40 percent of the collection. "Some professors are donating books," Aalberts said.

According to Dr. John Austin, professor and chairman of Business Information Systems, one step taken in lieu of the self-study was the addition of 30 personal computers to be used in the classroom.

"The \$50,000 for this project came from an overall 5 percent increase in student enrollment," Chancellor Grady Bogue said. The College of Liberal Arts and College of Sciences also received \$50,000, he added.

After the study is completed, the College will compare the resources available to the requirements. Dr. Dick Neil, dean of the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, was asked to read the draft of the College's self-study, Bogue said. Neil was at LSUS Oct. 14, but Clark was unavailable for comment.

"We can't afford to lose the accreditation. We would lose a major opportunity to be an educational source for the community," Bogue said.

Washington semester

Reservations and applications for the sixth annual LSUS Washington Semester are now being accepted. The interim term program, held annually in Washington D.C., is set for May 19 to June 6. Less than 40 spaces are available.

The mini-semester program is open to all majors regardless of home college or university. Participants may earn up to six hours semester credit. Intern applications are due by November 15.

For more information, contact Dr. William D. Pederson, Director of American Studies, in BH 148, or call 797-5349 or 797-5337.

KDAQ

Paul Rath has joined the staff of KDAQ 89.9 FM as a classical music announcer.

Rath, a private voice and piano teacher, is on the music staff at First Methodist Church where he sings in the Chancel Choir. He is a soloist.

He has been active locally with the Shreveport Little Theatre.

Spectra deadline

The deadline for submitting work for this year's *Spectra* is Dec. 7.

The *Spectra*, LSUS' annual literary publication, invites interested students to submit poems, essays, short stories and photographs.

Those interested can contact Editor Charmaine Cupps in the Writing Lab, BH 263 or Advisor Merrell Knighten, BH 211.

Free concert scheduled tonight

BY MATT FRAZIER
The *Almagest*

A free concert, sponsored by the New Age Coffee House, will be held tonight from 8 to 11 p.m. in the LSUS University Center Cafeteria.

According to Dr. R. L. Benefield, professor of psychology, the concert is being held "to promote live music in an alcohol free setting."

Benefield, the Student Union and Phi Delta, the sponsors of the concert, want to see good live

music that is available to everyone because of the lack of alcohol and the absence of a cover charge. They feel that people can have just as good a time sober as drunk; and this way no one will have to worry about roadblocks.

At 8 p.m. the Third Rail (featuring Connie Fair) will start things off. Barbara Jarrell, who Benefield calls "the best guitar picker in Northwest Louisiana," will follow at 9 p.m. At 10 p.m. the Cahoots (featuring Monty and

Marsha Brown) and the Brent Sibley Blues Band close.

Monty Brown is the director of Music at the Folk Life Center at Northwestern.

The last New Age Coffee House concert was held at the Unity Church. Because of the large number of people who showed up, they decided to move to the UC Cafeteria, where there will be more parking and a more relaxed atmosphere.

Between sets people will be invited to read poetry.

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Parties:

November 21st, Party/Hayride
December 15th Christmas Party

Special Bible Studies:

November 3rd Bible Study topic will deal with relationships and worry. The location is upstairs in the University Center. The time is 10:30.

November 10th, 17th, and 24th Leeland Crawford will lead in three special Bible studies. The time and place is 10:30 upstairs in the UC.

Lunchcounter Schedule:

November 4th Mike DiMaria will speak at 12 noon at the BSU. Lunch will be served in plenty of time to return to campus for a 1:00 o'clock class, this is true for every Lunchcounter.

November 11th Our guest will be Lonnie Wascom.

November 18th We will participate in a Faculty Appreciation Day.

November 25th A special Thanksgiving service will be held.

Weekly Bible Study Schedule:

Monday 12 noon at the BSU.

Wednesday 8 a.m. at the BSU, **Parables of Jesus** are taught at the BSU.

Thursday during free period, the topic is **Walking With Christ**. This Bible study is held upstairs in the UC.

Friday 12 noon at the BSU.

Mission Conference:

This year the Mission Conference will be held in New Orleans on November the 13th through 15th. The cost will be minimal, and anyone is welcome to come and learn about missions as well as have a great time with Christian friends. Contact the BSU for more information at **797-1946**.

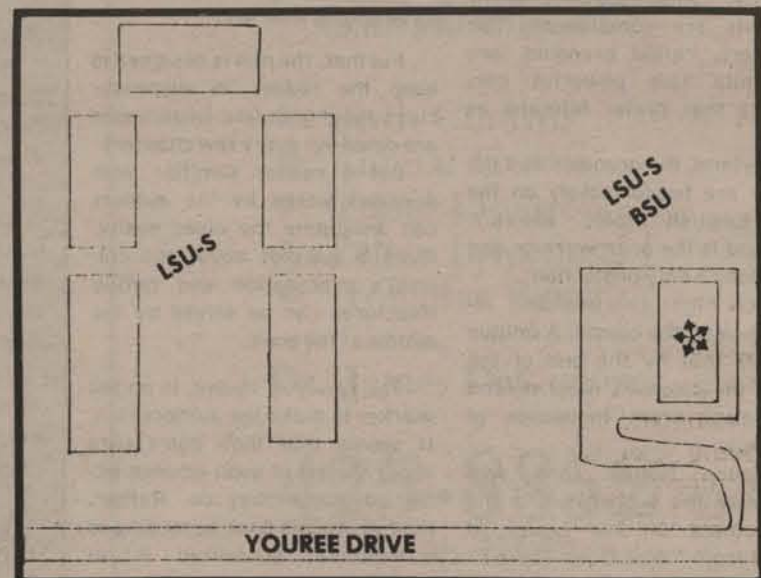
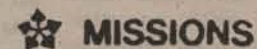
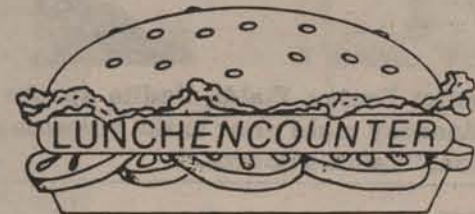
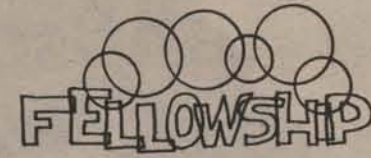
Tuesday Nights Together (TNT):

November 3rd November 17th December 1st

TNT is held every other Tuesday night at 7 p.m. The atmosphere is friendly and refreshing after a hard day at school and work. A guest speaker brings a message, then refreshments and fellowship follow.

Intramural Sports:

The **BSU** sponsors teams for **men and women**. This is a fun way to get exercise by participating in your favorite sport.



✱ If you have a question concerning any BSU activity please call **797-1946** for information. You are invited to become a participant in the Baptist Student Union of LSU-S.

features



Novelist Evelyn Fields Updite speaks to filmgoers Wednesday night prior to the screening of her video drama, "Tambia Bourre."

'Heorot' has unique twists - falls short

By KEVAN SMITH
The Almagest

On an alien world 20 light-years from earth, the first human space colonists build a thriving community.

All is going better than planned; earth plants are growing in alien soil, livestock are reaching maturity and a fusion power plant is nearing completion. The colonists send only good news back to earth until an alien monster, disturbed by intrusion into its territory, wreaks havoc on the colony.

War between colonists and monsters is the subject of *The Legacy of Heorot* by Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle and Steven Barnes. The protagonist, Cadmann Weyland, is a soldier responsible for the colony's security—a hard job because the colonists are complacent. The monsters, called grendels, are uncannily fast powerful carnivores that prefer humans as food.

Weyland, the grendels and the colony are based loosely on the Old English epic, *Beowulf*. Weyland is the grim warrior and the colony's only protection.

Each night the grendels attack Heorot, the colony. A unique twist is that by the end of the story, the colonists must defend themselves from thousands of grendels.

Science fiction fans will recognize the suspense and the denouement of *The Legacy of Heorot* from "Who Goes There?" by Jack W. Cambell, the "father of SF." It is more recently done in the movie "Alien."

The Legacy of Heorot can be read in a few hours. The story is exciting and the prose is well adapted to the subject. It has a clean, crisp style that turns speculation into realism.

But the characters are cardboard. There are 200 colonists and over 50 have names and dialogue; Weyland and five others have most of the dialogue, but much of it is exposition. The best characters are the grendels, which the authors personify with interior monologue.

Also, too much of *The Legacy of Heorot* is drawn from *Beowulf*. The first grendel is slain by Weyland, who is then dubbed "Beowulf." A second grendel is predictably the first one's mother and is also slain by Weyland. From there, the story is a gore-filled killing spree spiced with sex.

Further, the plot is designed to keep the reader in suspense; clues about grendels' weaknesses are doled out every few chapters.

But a reader familiar with previous works by the authors can anticipate the clues easily. Even a sub-plot about the colonist's procreation and family structures can be solved by the middle of the book.

The Legacy of Heorot, is on the market to make the authors rich. It seems that they don't care about the art of good science fiction, although they do. Rather, they wrote this book according to a formula, submitted it on deadline and now they will just sign a few autographs and cash their checks.

Halloween celebrations vastly different today

By DONALD GARRETT
The Almagest

Witches, werewolves, monsters and aliens of all sorts will take to the streets tomorrow night as Halloween is celebrated in many countries across the world.

Parties, fun pranks and trick-or-treating will be the activities of the day. But the merriment associated with Halloween today has masked the true origins of a holiday that has been celebrated since ancient times.

The word Halloween means, "the evening before All-Hallows Day." In modern times people have totally forgotten that Nov. 1 is All Saints' Day and that the following day is All Souls' Day, both were celebrated with much fervor by various cultures in the past.

In virtually every culture since recorded time, one can find some sort of ritual marking the change of seasons from summer's bountiful blessings to winter's cold, barren grasp. Thanksgiving in the United States and the Jewish Sukkoth are examples of autumn festivals that express thanks and gratitude for a successful harvest of food for the winter.

But the true origins of Halloween lie with the Celts of ancient Britain. Every Oct. 31, the Celts celebrated Samhain, the Celtic new year at the dawn of winter, by lighting huge bonfires that were supposed to drive away evil spirits and ghosts.

Many of the symbols that surround Halloween today were derived from the Celtic Samhain. Bags full of candy symbolize Halloween today, but to the Celts, trick-or-treat was an attempt to patronize the demons and evil spirits of the netherworld with treats and gifts before the spirits could haunt their souls.

In those dark and malevolent times people actually believed that ghost and demons walked the earth with them. People were filled with awe and superstition about things they did not understand, fearing the uncertain darkness of the night as well as the the unknown darkness of the future. Thus they sought to dispel the former with the light of the bonfire and the latter with oracles and magic.

In other parts of Europe, Christians had also begun to develop rituals of their own. In the eighth century, popes began special services to worship saints and martyrs of the church each Nov. 1. About 300 years later, the abbot of Cluny initiated further celebrations each Nov. 2 in memory of all church members who had died, so it came to be known as All Souls' Day.

Thus, it was on each Nov. 1 that there was great rejoicing for those souls that had reached heaven and a very somber remembrance of the souls bound in purgatory.

As time passed the Celtic Samhain and the Christian All Hallows Day mingled into one celebration. The Christian and pagan elements bonded together

through the many years to eventually evolve into the holiday that we know today.

But in past centuries, Nov. 1 and 2 was a time for giving thanks and purging the terrors of the unknown from one's mind. The Catholics of Quebec, Canada, celebrated the holy days in typical fashion.

As dusk fell on Oct. 31, the emotions of the people would descend into a deep depression, similar to the emotions felt on Good Friday. The mood changed swiftly the next morning with the celebration of a jubilant mass on All Saints' Day.

All Souls' Day was marked by a more subdued mass remembering all who had died, particularly in the past year. At this service every family offered farm produce as a gift, to be auctioned off later that day. The money went to a parish fund to help the needy. Families took home the farm produce grown by their neighbors.

Death and all it embodied had been dealt with for yet another year as the living drew strength to face the uncertainties of the next 12 months.

So, when the witches, werewolves and other hobgoblins take to the streets in search of candy treats tomorrow evening, let us not forget that there was once a time when people believed real vampires and werewolves stalked the night in search of human souls—a time when people celebrated Halloween to still a genuine terror within their hearts.

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Controversy strikes playoffs

By RODNEY MALLETT
The Almagest

A great game between Phi Van Halen and the Midnight Rockers was marred by controversy.

It occurred when Columbus "Buz" Lewis intercepted a Van Halen pass and was running it back. "I would have scored, nobody could have stopped me," Buz said. While he was running the interception back, someone from Phi Van Halen's bench jumped in and stopped Lewis.

This ended with a player ejection and a minus-25 in sportsmanship points that were awarded at the start of the season. However, the official who was calling the game decided to only deduct 10 points. The other official wrote -25 on the sportsmanship slip after the team captains had already signed it. This means a -35 was deducted.

Phi Van Halen protested the game and a student advisory committee was brought in to hear what they had to say.

In a game back in September another member of the Phi Van Halen team was ejected from a game. He allegedly was warned for cursing, penalized for roughing a quarterback and then was thrown out for cursing. Phi Van Halen protested this also.

The committee ruled that Phi Van Halen be reinstated for the rest of the playoffs because the first appeal was handled wrong. "The appeal was an appropriate appeal, but when the player met with the referees he could not deliver a statement himself," said Dr. Gloria Raines, vice-chancellor of student affairs. The

committee, "dealt with specifics and found there were procedural problems in the first appeal." They ruled that Phi Van Halen only be deducted a -6 in the first game on a profanity call, along with the -25 from the midnight Rocker game; this equals a -31 which leaves Phi Van Halen with 19 points. Fifteen is the limit. According to Raines the "procedural flaws will be fixed."

Some of the players around the league were not happy about the decision. Mike Bradford said "a protest should be made in 24 hours — not a month later." Another team captain who did not want to be named said that "if a player is ejected from a game it is a -25."

What about the Midnight Rockers? "Their status is unresolved and they will be treated fairly," Raines said.

The problem is that no one will know what would have happened if Lewis had scored after the interception. The Midnight Rockers may have gotten some confidence and won. It could have been a fluke and Phi Van Halen would have hung on and took home a victory without all the confusion and controversy.

The committee does not keep up with the teams and their members the way the referees and Beth Rist, assistant director of student activities, do, so the committee did not show any favoritism toward the team or the players involved.

"The committee had a fair meeting. Anyway one goes there is a problem," Raines said. "The main goal was to be fair to everyone."



Sue Seiler-Smith of the Netters successfully maneuvers the tricky backhand shot during recent Co-Rec volleyball action.

photo by Carol Sollars

Football season winds down; Co-Rec volleyball begins

By RODNEY MALLETT
The Almagest

Sports action was steady this week as the Intramural football playoffs continued and volleyball action began.

In the IM playoffs Cobras took care of business as they beat Just Us 20-12. Phi Van Halen defeated the Midnight Rockers in a controversial game 19-12. In this game Phi Van Halen lost the remainder of their sportsmanship points but after a protest to an advisory board they were credited with a win. However, the Midnight Rockers may be in the playoffs.

ROTC blew out Kappa Sigma 21-6. The Trojan Sheiks showed off as they won over Phi Delta Theta on their way to play ROTC. The Trojan Sheiks won the game 26-19. Phi Van Halen got revenge for their only loss when they beat the Cobras 35-18.

In the Inner Fraternity Cup championship game Kappa Sigma beat the Delta Sigs 20-6.

In Co-Rec play Phi Mu Halen beat MBA 23-6.

In the ladies division Phi Mu beat the Zetas 12-0.

Volleyball began when HPE and Mass action played in a Co-Rec game. Mass Action won the first game 16-14. In the second game Mass Action got on a roll and won 15-9. Phi Delta Theta beat MBA in two straight. They

scored five unanswered points and won 15-7. The next game was closer as MBA scored 13, but the

Phi Delts had 15. The Cobras blew out KA as they won 15-6 and 15-1.

Violence makes hockey great

By ROD MALLETT
The Almagest

There are not many hockey fans in this part of the country but the few of us there are have a good time during hockey season.

I started watching hockey because I heard of all the fights that took place. There was nothing on the tube so I switched to ESPN to watch some real life violence. This game was between rivals Philadelphia Flyers and New York Rangers. The Flyers have always had a reputation as goons. The way the announcers were talking I thought the teams would rumble before the game got started.

The game was strange at first

because I didn't understand the penalties. It didn't take long to figure out the more common ones. The most popular call of the night was offsides. This is simply crossing the blue-line (50-yard line in football terms) before the puck. Another popular call was icing. This is when one team deliberately slaps the puck to the other end of the rink just to get the opponents out of scoring position.

The action was quick. There were no time-outs and the players were skating so fast that if I looked down to get my beer I would miss something. There were pre brawl tactics applied by both teams. The most common was coming up to someone and pop-

ping them upside the head with the stick. This was termed high sticking. The Flyers seemed to be great at it. It is a dirty tactic but fun as hell to watch.

Another temper raiser was a check. Whenever the puck was against the wall and someone was trying to get it back into open ice another player from the other team would skate up and pin the poor guy to the wall. Some of these got to be pretty mean.

I didn't get to see a fight that game but I did dedicate one night a week to watching a hockey game. I have seen some great fights and some vicious checks since that first life-changing experience of a National Hockey League game.

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PRSSA President Gary Warren orchestrates talent show preparations.

Gour lectures on 'McPaper'

By CHARLOTTE BRANDIN
MARY DOW

Special to the Almagest

Even though USA Today is the nation's top selling newspaper with sales above \$3 billion this year, Sheila Gour, a journalist for The (Shreveport) Times, considers it a "fast-food format kind of writing."

Gour, who spent this past summer working at USA Today in Washington, D.C., recently spoke to a group of LSUS students. She emphasized varying viewpoints of USA Today, also known as "McPaper."

"I can criticize that there is a lack of hard-line, in-depth, investigative reporting at USA Today. It is written in a real collective, flowery style...very short," Gour said.

Gour, a graduate of LSU-BR, discussed the layout of USA Today's editorial and opinion pages. She described them as being "pretty rigid in format."

USA Today is owned by the Gannett Corporation, which also owns 89 daily newspapers, 39 non-dailies, 8 television stations and 16 radio stations. Gannett owns the largest outdoor satellite in North America and also owns the Lou Harris Polls.

On her experience at USA To-

day with the on-line news service, Gour said, "It was a break from the monotony of covering a regular beat for a daily newspaper like The (Shreveport) Times. As some of my friends at The Times say, USA Today is where I 'spent my summer vacation.'"

Gour used an analogy to describe many journalists' views on USA Today. Gour read aloud a *Doonesbury* comic strip in which Zonker Harris, the bum of the comic strip, was asked "Is USA Today a newspaper?" "Of course not," Zonker answered, "but I think they're still protected by the First Amendment."

"Calling USA Today the nation's newspaper is like calling the Dallas Cowboys America's football team," Gour said. Gour discussed the "pep-rally" atmosphere that is an integral part of the USA Today organization.

Gour said that she was not one of the "corporate types" who liked to cite that USA Today has the nation's largest readership of 5.5 million.

In concluding her speech, Gour said, "Most people in corporate headquarters think USA Today is here to stay. It is no longer the experiment that it started out to be."

Student reaction mixed on recent Gulf troubles

By MARY DOW
Special to the Almagest

LSUS students have mixed feelings over the destruction of two Iranian oil platforms by U.S. Naval forces stationed in Persian Gulf waters.

Four U.S. destroyers bombed the platforms last Monday, after broadcasting a warning: "Reshadat, Reshadat. This is the U.S. Navy. We will commence firing on your position at 1400 hours. You have 20 minutes to evacuate the platform." After 20 minutes, an 85-minute barrage of 1,000 rounds destroyed the platforms.

LSUS student Kelly Willis said, "In a sense it is like the Cuban Missile Crisis. The only difference this time is that I don't believe Iran will back down as the Russians did when Kennedy threatened to take action. I'm not condoning the actions of the Iranians, but I'm not particularly fond of war. I believe the U.S. showed compassion when they allowed the Iranians 20 minutes to evacuate the platform before the bombing. This was the U.S.' way of showing Iran that we mean business."

According to Gary Hodel, another student, the bombing was the best solution to the difficult problem. "We had to retaliate for the missile attack on the flagged oil tanker. In order to limit the possibility of escalating the tensions between the U.S. and Iran, the U.S. Navy gave the Iranians plenty of time to evacuate the platforms. I agree with the bombings. Something had to be done, and the U.S. government felt that this was the best and most feasible way to solve the problem."

One student found it hard to believe the number of rounds it took to destroy the platforms. And another, who asked to remain anonymous, expressed similar sentiments: "We didn't need to let off 1,000 rounds to blow up the platforms. All this shows is the inadequacy of the U.S. Navy."

"The U.S. is always put in a position where it has to do things like the Iran bombing," said Norman Provizer, LSUS professor of political science. "Other countries seem to be able to manipulate the U.S. I'm not condoning the Iranians' actions, but I don't think the bombing was any big deal."

Most of the students interviewed said that they "doubted the U.S. would wage a war against Iran." Another student who requested anonymity, said, "What are you talking about Iran for? Nothing happened. Did it? That's why Gorbachev is coming to the U.S., right?"

Kevin Beaubouef said, "It was a good demonstration of strength when the Navy destroyed the Iranian platforms. It was a good example of the U.S. flexing their muscles. It is incidents like this

that show why the U.S. is still a world power." Sonni Verret agreed with Beaubouef and added, "It's about time the U.S. took action."

U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger said that the platforms were destroyed in retaliation for the attack on the *Sea Isle City*, a U.S. flagged tanker in Kuwaiti territorial waters.

Iranian President Ali Khomeini vowed that his country will "definitely take decisive retaliatory action," and "Reagan, by this action, has made a big mistake."

Federal deficit blamed for crash

By CHARLOTTE BRANDIN
Special to the Almagest

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 508.32 points Oct. 19, but quickly made a sharp comeback. Still, the week of "Black Monday" ended with a total record loss of 295.98 points.

One reason for the stock market crash was that the federal deficit has not been addressed by the U.S. Government, said Dr. Clarence Adams, chairman of the economics and finance department at LSUS.

"Realistically, there has to be a tax increase to get the deficit to a reasonable level," Adams said, adding that a tax increase would have positive long-term benefits. But others disagree.

"Raising taxes to get rid of the deficit," said Lawrence Brandin, a local CPA, "is like taking dirt and sweeping it under a rug. The dirt is still there. The dirt is government spending."

Adams would not offer any predictions for the stock market, but did say he believes the U.S. economy will continue in its recovery efforts.



Dr. Clarence Adams

A recent story in the Wall Street Journal supports that view; it said that "most business economists expect the recovery to continue into 1989. Inflation is moderate, unemployment is down, the budget deficit is shrinking and the money has been relatively stable after a rapid decline early in the year."

Adams said the 1987 crash differs sharply from the 1929 crash, which led to the Great Depression.

"The '29 crash led to a col-

lapse in banking," he said. "A large number of investors borrowed on a margin," causing the collapse, producing a "crippling effect on the economy."



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